

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 5, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Greg Bowes
Vernon Brown
Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman

Absent Members

Scott Schneider

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 403, 2005 - creates a user fee for deployment of public safety services and creates non-reverting funds with authority for expenditures or appropriations from the said funds
"Postponed to November 2, 2005" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 472, 2005 - approves an increase of \$1,118,286 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund), for programs for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault; overtime and equipment for the Super Achilles (violent offenders) task force; and programs dealing with the problem of human trafficking, sponsored by the Law Enforcement and Service Provider Multi-disciplinary Anti-Trafficking Task Force, financed by grants from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the U.S. Department of Justice
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 479, 2005 - approves an increase of \$44,500 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (Law Enforcement Fund) to pay for fuel costs of the Metro Drug Task Force and for personnel costs of Forensic and Forfeiture, funded by fund balance
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-1

PROPOSAL NO. 480, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$30,300 and appropriates \$145,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (Federal Equitable Share Fund) for purposes of purchasing 10 vans with safety equipment

to transport prisoners, funded by a transfer of \$30,300 and an additional appropriation of \$145,000 from fund balance

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 6-1

PROPOSAL NO. 481, 2005 - approves an increase of \$175,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Probation User Fee Fund) to provide funds to replace the current case management system, funded from fund balance

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-1

PROPOSAL NO. 482, 2005 - approves an increase of \$54,431 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to provide pass through funds to Kid's Voice for the supervised visitation program and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, funded by grants from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 483, 2005 - approves an increase of \$30,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Drug Lab Fund) to provide for expenses related to the operation of the Drug Lab, funded by fund balance

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 484, 2005 - approves an increase of \$12,407 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Guardian Ad Litem Fund) to increase appropriation to allow for full amount of State Grant to pass through to Child Advocates

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 485, 2005 - approves an increase of \$13,066 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate Block Grant #9 funds to support Adult Treatment Court, funded by a grant from the Department of Justice/IPD

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, October 5, 2005. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Vernon Brown, Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, and Lincoln Plowman. Absent was Scott Schneider. Also present was Bart Brown, the Council's Chief Financial Officer.

PROPOSAL NO. 403, 2005 - creates a user fee for deployment of public safety services and creates non-reverting funds with authority for expenditures or appropriations from the said funds

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 403, 2005 to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice meeting on November 2, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 472, 2005 - approves an increase of \$1,118,286 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund), for programs for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault; overtime and equipment for the Super Achilles (violent offenders) task force; and programs dealing with the problem of human trafficking, sponsored by the Law Enforcement and Service Provider Multi-disciplinary Anti-Trafficking Task Force, financed by grants from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the U.S. Department of Justice

Elizabeth Allison, Grant Manager for Indianapolis Police Department (IPD), stated that this \$1,118,286 represents 7 grants. The first two grants are for the Julian Center and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). The Julian Center will pay the 25% local match. The first one in the amount of \$24,038 is for a program designated to help reduce and eliminate children's risk levels and their reactions to domestic violence. The second grant is for \$32,694 for a residential therapy program, which will address physiological and emotional problems the children face through domestic violence. Ms. Allison said that the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) has two grants funded by the Office of Violence Against Women and Victims of Violent Crime ACT (VOCA). The first grant is for \$44,300 for programs to improve systems in the community's response to sex crimes and stalking victims. The second grant is for \$31,200 and this appropriation is to improve the response to victims of sex crimes in Indiana through a language line service. The Super Achilles grant for \$36,064 will be used to purchase some investigation equipment and be used to pay for overtime. Ms. Allison stated that there are two grants totaling \$722,667 that deal with human trafficking. The first grant comes from law enforcement. She said that there will be over \$70,000 that will be used for training law enforcement and social service agencies in the issues of human trafficking. The prosecutor's office will receive \$127,000; \$15,000 of that is dedicated to reporting, and crime control research will receive \$107,500 over the next three years. The other human trafficking service grant comes from the Office of Victims of Crime where \$30,000 will go to the mandated evaluation part of this grant and the balance of \$426,000 will go to the Julian Center to hire a project manager to interview victims and figure out what services they need.

Gayle Helart, Assistant United States Attorney, stated that the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) is a very victim-centered set of statutes that was passed in 2002. In the year 2002 there were a number of cities around the country that received grant money toward TVPA. The statutes are designed to reach modern day slavery that is not based on race but based on the particular vulnerability of victims. These people mostly come from impoverished countries and victims of this crime often do not self identify. They know that they are in the state illegally. She said officers often do not know how to reach them because these victims do not self-report. There are about 15 states that have separate state statutes for human trafficking and Indiana is not one of them; however, that will be an advantage to the task force which will include two Federal agencies looking at cases to identify victims of this crime. Ms. Helart stated that human trafficking is estimated to be a \$9 billion industry, second to illegal drugs.

Councillor Brown asked if there have been any cases that have surfaced. Ms. Helart answered in the negative. She said that there have been leads but no cases as of yet. Councillor Brown asked if the funding for the Prosecutor's office and Dr. Hippo were the total amount to be paid over three years. Ms. Allison answered in the affirmative.

Councillor McWhirter asked if six months from now the committee could be provided with the status of this program. Ms. Allison answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Oliver stated that this is a much-needed program and he is also very interested in the status. Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 472, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Consent was given to group Proposal Nos. 479 and 480, 2005 together.

PROPOSAL NO. 479, 2005 - approves an increase of \$44,500 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (Law Enforcement Fund) to pay for fuel costs of the Metro Drug Task Force and for personnel costs of Forensic and Forfeiture, funded by fund balance

Diana Burleson, Director of the Marion County Justice Agency (MCJA), stated this increase of \$29,000 to Character 01 will fund a shortfall for the Marion County Sheriff's Department in their obligation to cover 1/3 of a salary, fringe expenses for a Crime Lab employee and three Prosecutor's Forfeiture employees. She said the increase of \$15,000 to Character 02 will fund increased fuel costs for the Metro Drug Task Force fleet.

Councillor Franklin asked where the Metro Drug Task Force gets their gas. Jeff Seidenstein, Controller's office, stated that they get the fuel from police services.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 479, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Councillor Brown casting the negative vote.

PROPOSAL NO. 480, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$30,300 and appropriates \$145,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (Federal Equitable Share Fund) for purposes of purchasing 10 vans with safety equipment to transport prisoners, funded by a transfer of \$30,300 and an additional appropriation of \$145,000 from fund balance

Ms. Burleson stated that Proposal No. 480, 2005 has an amendment that reduces the amount that is being transferred from \$30,300 to \$22,800 and also the additional appropriation would be changed from \$145,000 to \$152,500, and this will not affect the total balance.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to amend Proposal No. 480, 2005 by changing the amount to be transferred from \$30,300 to \$22,800 and also the additional appropriation would be changed from \$145,000 to \$152,500. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Burleson stated that Proposal 480, 2005 is an increase of \$175,300 to Character 04 which will fund 10 prisoner transfer vans to include safety features for the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Existing older vans of the MCSD that require greater maintenance will be replaced with these new vans.

Councillor Brown asked how old the vans are that are being replaced. Ms. Burleson stated that the vans that would be replaced would be the vans that require the most maintenance. She said that she would get the details to the committee before the full Council meeting.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 480, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Councillor Brown casting the negative vote.

Consent was given by the committee to group Proposals No. 481 through 484.

PROPOSAL NO. 481, 2005 - approves an increase of \$175,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Probation User Fee Fund) to provide funds to replace the current case management system, funded from fund balance

Mark Renner, Marion Superior Court Administrator, stated that Proposal No. 481, 2005 will take money from the Probation User Fee Fund to pay for the software and programming to update the probation department's case management system. The upgrade is coming from the same developer and will be in the same format of Justis.Net with the opportunity for integration in the future.

Councillor Bowes asked about Justis.Net. Mr. Renner stated the Justis records have been completely loaded onto the new server. He said that whenever time permits he would like to come to the committee and do a demonstration.

PROPOSAL NO. 482, 2005 - approves an increase of \$54,431 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to provide pass through funds to Kid's Voice for the supervised visitation program and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, funded by grants from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Mr. Renner stated that this proposal is funding from ICJI for the CASA program that provides representation for children going through the CHINS process. He said that Kid's Voice has raised \$13,600 from private donations for the local match. There is always a need for representation in the juvenile CHIN's program and every dollar is critical.

PROPOSAL NO. 483, 2005 - approves an increase of \$30,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Drug Lab Fund) to provide for expenses related to the operation of the Drug Lab, funded by fund balance

Proposal No. 483, 2005 is appropriating money from the Drug Lab Fund and the \$30,000 is for a part-time position salary and fringes. This position would be in the area of collection.

PROPOSAL NO. 484, 2005 - approves an increase of \$12,407 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Guardian Ad Litem Fund) to increase an appropriation to allow for the full amount of a State Grant to pass through to Child Advocates

This increase of \$12,407 is for the CASA program that is provided by Child Advocates. Every year the Indiana Supreme Court has funding that is provided to the various jurisdictions for the CASA program in juvenile court. Those jurisdictions that do not use all the funding, return the money to the Indiana Supreme Court. The money is then re-allocated to those counties that have the superior need.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal Nos. 481 through 484, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 485, 2005 - approves an increase of \$13,066 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate Block Grant #9 funds to support Adult Treatment Court, funded by a grant from the Department of Justice/IPD

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to amend the digest of Proposal No. 485, 2005 so that it reads "support Drug Adult Treatment Court. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Renner stated that Proposal No. 485, 2005 is for the Marion County Drug Treatment Court for supplies and operating costs for the Drug Treatment Diversion Program and the Re-entry Court. This funding is from the Block Grant # 9. This funding will be utilized to help individuals stay drug free.

Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee
October 5, 2005
Page 5

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 485, 2005 to the full Council with a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

MMA/rjp